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Newsletter for the Lone Star Miata Club

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November meeting — Election meeting

**SPRING CREEK
BARBEQUE**

Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 pm
Spring Creek Barbecue
315 W. State Highway 114
Grapevine TX 76051

Don't forget, members can look up contact information for other LSMC members on the internetcarclubs.com website. Click on the "Club Members Only" button to get to the directory.

Lone Star Miata Club Officers for 2019 (LSMCOfficers@gmail.com)

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Treasurer

Mary Wharton

Newsletter

Julia Kuhn

Webmaster Doug Dodgen

In case you missed it – October meeting notes

10/10/2019, SPRING CREEK BARBECUE, 6:30 PM, Vice President Richard Rogers presiding

Birthdays: Julia Kuhn, Sue Christman, Glen Christopher, Carl Paulson

Club anniversaries: Joe and Gina Quisenberry, 2016

Door Prizes: Ruth Gibson, Craig Woolheater, Terrie Campbell, Stewart Teasley, Carl Paulson, Lynn Perler, Richard Rogers

50/40/10\$100 collected, \$40 to Charlene Browning

Texas Miata Challenge

- 40 people completed the 2019 challenge, including 5 from the Houston club and 6 from the Bluebonnet club. The 2020 Texas Miata Challenge sites have been released, and it has a Ghosts and Legends theme. Final deadline to complete your runs and have pics to Bruce is Oct. 1, 2020. Email is brucegibson5@gmail.com, or you can check in on the website and upload your pictures.

Old Business

- Doug Dodgen arranges for occasional ice cream socials. Watch the website for date information.
- Stevan Boyd has a Miata supper club Facebook page and sets up occasional dinner events.
- Sept. 14: Cracker Barrel Car Show, invited by Richard Rogers. We were invited guests of the North Texas Mustang Club's monthly car show at the Lewisville Cracker Barrel. 6 Miatas participated. 45 cars total.
- Sept. 19-22: Roundup was held in Fredericksburg, hosted by the Bluebonnet club. Presidents of area clubs met at the Roundup to discuss future multi-club events. Some clubs get more sponsorship money than others, and some clubs have more members than others. In order to make hosting duties more equitable, they discussed having a regional roundup including rotations hosted by Oklahoma and Arkansas clubs. It was decided to keep Roundup in Texas, but to skip Roundup in 2020. The Houston club will host in 2021. In addition to formal Roundups, the presidents suggested having small multi-club events, such as the recent event hosted by Northwest Arkansas.
- Sept. 29: Miatas at the State Fair, coordinated by Richard Rogers. We shared the corral with the Corvette club. This was our 10th year of participation. 24 Miatas participated.
- Terrie Campbell is collecting items for the USO to give to troops traveling through DFW airport. She will take the items collected at the next club meeting to the USO. See the list of requested items in the newsletter or go to <https://dfw.uso.org/support/in-kind-donations>

Elections

- Voting will be held at the November meeting. We will vote for officers, bylaws changes, and the charity recipient for the monthly 50/40/10 drawings. Notify any officer if you want to be considered for any position. Please notify Joe Quisenberry if you are not getting emails or Evites. Election information will be sent by email, but there will be no absentee ballots this year. All voting will occur at the November meeting.
- Howard Banfield is stepping down as president. Joe Quisenberry was nominated for president, leaving the secretary position open. Craig Woolheater was nominated for secretary. The remaining officer positions will not change if elected: Richard Rogers, vice president ; Doug Dodgen, membership; Mary Wharton, treasurer.
- Charities nominated are the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Hope for the Warriors, and the North Texas Food Bank. Money from the monthly 50/40/10 will go to the charity chosen.
- There is a proposal to change the bylaws to remove reference to any specific amount for annual member dues, so that changes in dues do not also require a change in bylaws. Dues are currently \$39 per couple but will rise to \$40 if the bylaws change is approved.

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New Business

- Oct. 25-27: Lafayette LA, led by Mary Wharton. Events will include the Sweet Dough Pie Festival in Grand Couteau, a graveyard tour, Cajun food tour, and Tobasco plant tour. Stay in Jacksonville Thursday night for Friday morning departure.
- Nov. 2: Fall run, led by Joe Quisenberry. Day trip to Oklahoma to see some fall color. Includes stops at Tuckers Tower and the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Meet by the car wash at Buck-ees in Denton.
- Nov. 10: Dallas Marathon Run, led by Richard Rogers. Drive around the Dallas Marathon route, ending with a group lunch. Depart from Lorenzo Hotel.
- Nov. 16: Pizza and ice cream party, hosted by Joe Quisenberry.
- Dec. 7: Christmas party. Sandy Lewis has volunteered her house. Yvonne Dodgen, Betty Banfield, Terrie Campbell, and Gina Quisenberry are on the committee.
- (No date): Loose Wheels, led by Bruce Gibson. Loose Wheels is closed, but Bruce is planning a ride around the same area.

News from other clubs

- Nov. 15-16: Miatas at the Sisters, hosted by Bluebonnet Club.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/545707852901296/?ref=share>
- April 30-May 2, 2020: Miatas at Moab VI. <https://www.utahmiataclub.org/miatas-in-moab-vi>. Registration is nearly full.
- Aug. 20-Sept. 2, 2020: The Utah club is putting together a group for a Mediterranean cruise that will include Miata drives in Italy using borrowed cars. Contact Bruce Gibson for more information. Cost is \$3195 per person for a 6 day cruise.
- Sept. 24-17, 2020: Buggies & Bridges III, hosted by PACE Miata Club, Lancaster PA.

Next meeting on Nov. 14 at Spring Creek Barbecue, W Hwy 114, Grapevine. This will be our election meeting, so come make your voice heard.

Election info - ballot

2019 Ballot

BALLOT
LONE STAR MIATA CLUB

2019 Ballot

No absentee ballots.

Election of Officers for 2020

Office Of President	Nominee(s) Joe Quisenberry	Vote: Mark With X
Office of Vice President	Nominee(s) Richard Rogers	Vote: Mark With X
Office Of Secretary	Nominee(s) Craig Woolheater	Vote: Mark With X
Office Of Treasure	Nominee(s) Mary Wharton	Vote: Mark With X
Membership Director	Nominee(s) Doug Dodgen	Vote: Mark With X
By Laws Change as Summited	Please see attachment or handout	Vote: Mark With X
Yes is to approve changes. No is to disapprove changes as written	Yes To Approve By Laws Change No To Not Approve By Laws Change	
Please select one (1) charity to donate our 50-50 donation	Vote For your selected charity (One) Breast Cancer Research Foundation Hope For Warriors (Vets) North Texas Food Bank	Vote: Mark With X
Must Print And Sign Name And Date Ballot Below		
Print Name		
Sign Name		
Date		

Election info - bylaws

Section 2 of Article VII indicates the amount of the annual club dues. This amount could, and has, changed over time which would/could require frequent by-law updates. Section 2, as written below, removes the dues amount.

Article VII

Dues and Expenditures

Section 1: Annual dues for membership shall be established and may only be changed by a majority vote of the general membership. The registrar may accept membership applications from new members and pass moneys collected to the treasurer.

Section 2: Annual Club Dues cover the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. Club Members are to pay full annual dues each January. Any new members joining the Club, or receiving membership after June will pay pro-rated dues to the end of the Calendar year equal to 1/12 of the annual dues for each month remaining in the year.

DELETE CURRENT LANGUAGE: Club dues shall be \$30.00 for a single member and \$35 for a couple, per calendar year beginning after January 1 through December 31. Dues will be collected after January 1st. Any new members joining the Club, or receiving membership, during the year will pay pro-rated dues for the first year equal to \$2.50 single, \$3.00 couple per month for each month remaining in the calendar year.

Section 3: No individual shall buy items or services and expect the Club to reimburse him or her for such expenses without prior approval of a majority vote of the elected officers. No member or officer is authorized to commit or expend Club funds without the prior approval of a majority of the officers.

Election info - charities

CHARITY SELECTIONS FOR THE LSMC 2019 BALLOT

The **Breast Cancer Research Foundation** (BCRF) is an independent, [not-for-profit organization](#) which has raised \$570 million to support clinical and translational research on [breast cancer](#) at medical institutions in the United States and abroad. BCRF currently funds over 200 researchers in 6 continents and 13 countries.^[1]

As of 2014, BCRF directs more than 91 cents of every dollar raised to breast cancer research and [breast cancer awareness](#) programs. BCRF has received exceptional recognition from several organizations that monitor and provide comprehensive, unbiased information on charities. [CharityWatch](#), formerly the American Institute of Philanthropy, continues to award BCRF an "A+" rating.^[5]

Research and awareness	91%
Fundraising	5.5%
Administration	3.5%

For the past 12 years, **Hope For The Warriors®** has been dedicated to serving those who have served. As a Veteran Service Organization, we provide a full-cycle of care to restore self, family, and hope to post-9/11 service members, their families, and families of the fallen.

Mission:

We believe those touched by military service can succeed at home by restoring their sense of self, family, and hope. Nationally, Hope For The Warriors provides comprehensive support programs for service members, veterans, and military families that are focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement, and connections to community resources.

Programs and service	90%
Fundraising	4.5%
Administration	5.5%

The **North Texas Food Bank** (NTFB) is a social benefit organization located in Plano, Texas. The organization distributes donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of nearly 1,000 feeding programs and 262 Partner Agencies in 13 North Texas counties. The NTFB supports the nutritional needs of children, seniors, and families through education, advocacy and strategic partnerships.

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit relief organization, providing access to more than 190,000 meals each day for hungry children, seniors and families through a network of more than 1,000 programs and 200 Partner Agencies in our 13-county service area. In fiscal year 2018, NTFB provided access to almost 72 million meals but the need for hunger relief in North Texas today is much larger. To combat increasing food insecurity in North Texas, the Food Bank recently launched a 10-year plan to provide access to 92 million nutritious meals annually (250,000 meals daily) by 2025. NTFB is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization.

Program Expenses	95%
Fundraising	3.5%
Administrative	1.5%

In-Kind Donations



In-kind donations of products and services are vital to the USO's efforts in lifting the spirits of military members and families. Individuals and companies provide valuable resources which help support important programs and center operations. All In-Kind products will go directly to our Centers as this helps keep product free for our guests.

NEEDS LIST ITEMS:

*Single-Serving Sized Snack and Drink Items: *

- Cases of chocolate bars
- Variety pack chips
- Cookies
- Raisins
- Trail Mix
- Kellogg's Rice Crispy Treats
- Pretzels
- Beef Jerky
- Crackers
- Peanuts/Mixed Nuts
- Sunflower Seeds
- Granola and/or Protein Bars
- Chewing Gum
- Cases of Apple/Orange Juice and Juice Boxes
- Bottled Water

Miscellaneous Items:

- Batteries (all sizes)
- 1 lb. Bags of Starbucks - Medium Roast Breakfast Blend
- New Coloring Books and Crayons
- New Children's Toys/Stuffed Animals
- New or Like-New games for Play Station 4
- 9" Microwave Safe Paper Plates
- Rolls of Paper Towels
- 12 oz. Foam Cups
- Fleece blankets/neck pillows

Travel-Sized Toiletry Item Needs:

- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Lip Balm/Chap stick

Events & Items of Interest

Don't forget the LSMC website

<http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx>

Doug Dodgen maintains our website to make it the best place to check information about the club. He has added the yearly calendar so you can plan for upcoming rides. Keep in mind that dates are subject to change. Members can log in and modify their contact information as well as add a profile picture. If you have questions about editing your information, please contact Doug. The main page of the Lone Star Miata Club part of the website contains a link to our www.LSMiata.org blog site where links to newsletters are published.

Check us out at [http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx!](http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx)

If you have not renewed your membership for 2019, please do so ASAP. You will be removed from the club roster and from Evites after March 31. Dues are \$39 for couples who both want to join, and \$30 for singles. Your dues go toward doorprizes, club insurance, and supplementing costs for annual events such as the Christmas party and picnic.

From your editor

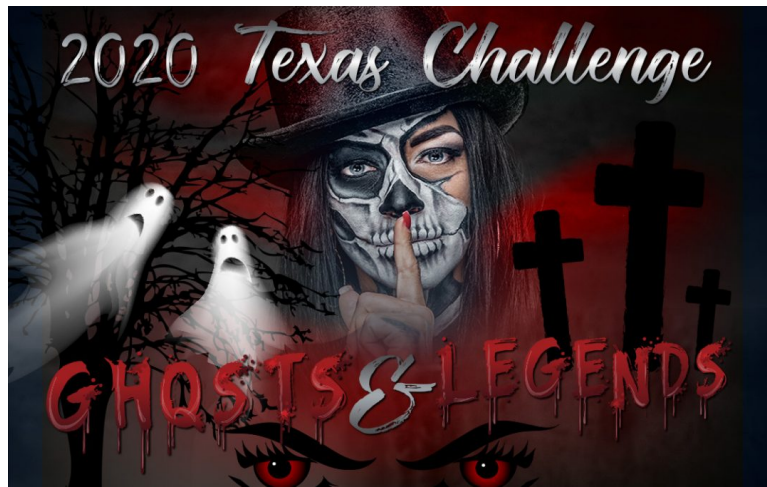
When you lead a drive, please print participant waivers from <http://lsmiata.org/events/>. It's a good idea to have maps with your phone number printed on them for a trip. Also be sure to bookmark the blog page <http://lsmiata.org> and the website at <http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx> to get all the latest information about us.

A note about Evites...

Evites now go to all emails on file. One person responding can change the number of attendees to an event if both people in a couple don't want to respond. ALL members should be getting emails generated by the website, and all members can access the Evites from the website event listing and, in most cases, from Facebook (members only events are not publicized on Facebook).

If you are not getting emails generated from the website, please see Doug Dodgen to verify your membership information.

Evites always contain the phone number of the person leading the drive/event. If you have questions or are running late, please contact that person.



2020 Texas Miata Challenge



Sponsored by the Lone Star Miata Club and Classic Mazda

Drive to each of the designated points in Texas.

Take a picture of you, your Miata, and the specified destination.

If both driver and co-pilot are participating, both can appear in the same picture or a picture of each person, your Miata, and the destination. Group pictures are also allowed as long as the picture clearly shows all participants and all their cars.

Participants must drive to locations 1 through 10, locations 11 & 12 are optional but not required.

Entries with the 10 destinations will receive a specially designed Pin & T-shirt.

Shirts and Pins will be presented Texas Miata Roundup or mailed after the Roundup.

Pictures can be submitted electronically, online, or prints that are no larger than 4"x6" on photo quality paper.

Mail or turn entries in to Bruce Gibson by September 11, 2020, see address below

Sites are shown on Next Pages

2020 Texas Miata Challenge Ghosts and Legends

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Questions :

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Shady Shores, TX 76208
(940) 999-3334
brucegibson5@gmail.com

Phone
Email:

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1. Ever since Bragg Road has existed there have been reports of mysterious lights seen along its course. Usually these are either red or white in appearance, and in one instance a mysterious light form is said to have buzzed the occupants of a car, showing that close encounter cases do exist in connection with the location. To reach the Ghost Road, take U.S. 69 at Kountze to FM 326, from there take the turn onto FM 770 which will take you directly to Saratoga. Go through Saratoga and at a right on FM 787 turn, the Ghost Road is not far off the beaten path.



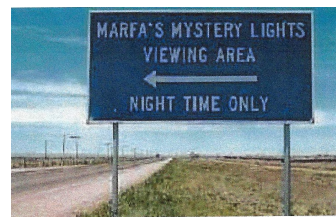
Bragg Road (South end of Bragg Road where FM787 bends left, 1.7 miles North of Saratoga intersection FM 787/770), Picture of Blue Sign.



2. Jefferson was declared the Bigfoot Capital of Texas by town proclamation on February 12, 2018, by the mayor, Carey Heaster Jr. Jefferson has been the host city of the Annual Texas Bigfoot Conference, organized by the Texas Bigfoot Research Center, since 2001.

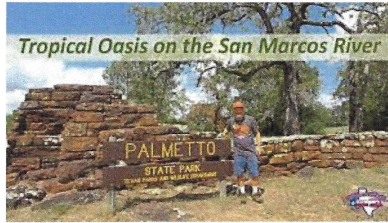
Jefferson Bigfoot Statue - Located on the South side of E Austin Street, Jefferson, at the entrance to the Port Jefferson History & Nature Center Picture of Bigfoot Statue.

3. Just east of Marfa lies another engaging attraction for visitors to the Davis Mountains area. The Marfa Lights confound thousands of people each year who flock to the site for a chance to see the elusive ethereal orbs suspended in the air with no apparent source. There are many theories about the unexplained phenomenon, from Apache Indian folklore to UFO sightings; however, a scientific explanation has yet to emerge. First documented in 1883, the lights' explanations range from static electricity to swamp gas to St. Elmo's fire or even flying saucers. Although it is elusive, many believe the truth is out there.



Marfa Ghost Lights - Picture of Marfa Lights Viewing Center Sign. Located on US-90 west of Alpine.

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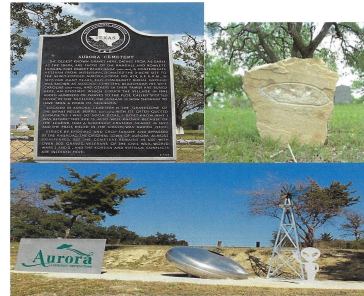


4. It's said to be a dark, black thing; a thing that can blend so well into the murky bog that it's virtually invisible. Known locally as the "Ottine Swamp Thing" or simply "The Thing," this alleged cryptid falls somewhere between a Skunk Ape and something far more unexplainable. The creature has long been on my radar, but only recently did I get an opportunity to visit Ottine Swamp and delve more deeply into the details of this intriguing legend. Ottine Swamp itself is a 198-

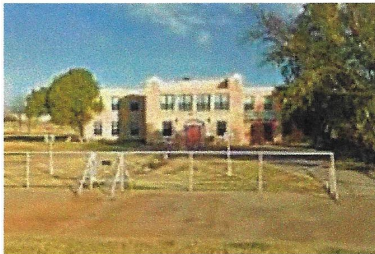
acre wetland located along the San Marcos River in South Central Texas. It sits on the edge of the small, unincorporated community of Ottine, and is part of the larger Palmetto State Park. Like the park, the swamp offers a unique habitat not typically found in Central Texas. This is due to the presence of dwarf palmetto (*Sabal minor*) and Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*), which are more commonly found further east along the Gulf Coast. Sulphur springs – known regionally as "Mud Boils" – were also present in the area until they dried up in the 1970s. But even today, the place oozes with a spooky, primordial atmosphere like a forgotten remnant of the Jurassic age. During daylight hours, it would not seem surprising if a dinosaur walked out of the thick palmettos. As nightfall approaches, the swamp takes on an even more mysterious appearance as the pointed fronds of the alien plants crouch among shaded bogs of standing water.

Palmetto State Park- Ottine Swamp thing, Your Friendly Neighborhood Bigfoot, Picture of Sign.

5. During the 1896–1897 timeframe, numerous sightings of a cigar-shaped mystery airship were reported across the United States. One of these accounts appeared in the April 17, 1897, edition of the Dallas Morning News. Written by Aurora resident S.E. Haydon, the alleged UFO is said to have hit a windmill on the property of a Judge J.S. Proctor two days earlier at around 6am local (Central) time, resulting in its crash. The pilot (who was reported to be 'not of this world', and a 'Martian' according to a reported Army officer from nearby Fort Worth) did not survive the crash, and was buried 'with Christian rites' at the nearby Aurora Cemetery. (The cemetery contains a Texas Historical Commission marker mentioning the incident.)



Aurora Fly Saucer Crash - Picture of the Historical Marker located on cemetery road off Hwy-114 west of US-287, or the Aurora Sign, Spaceship, and Alien at the entrance to town. The grave marker may have been stolen.



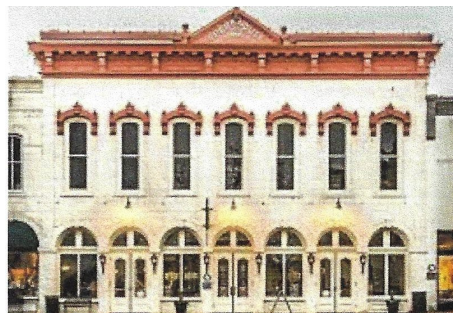
6. The White Sanitarium (aka the Old Insane Asylum, aka Hotel California) is one of the most notorious haunts in Wichita Falls. For years, people have claimed to have heard voices coming from within and there have even been reports of apparitions wandering the grounds. On one account, a group of ghosts were spotted playing cards in the old recreation room. The sanitarium has proven to be a hit for ghost hunters. In 2008, local ghost hunters T.R.I.P.P. Paranormal Research spent some time at the asylum and captured some EVP's (electronic voice phenomena) as well as chilling footage of

what appears to be flying insects in the room, except the crew claims there were no insects present at the time.

The White Sanitarium, 508 Olen Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76301, picture of the Sanitarium from the street in front of the building. This is a private residence now but they do allow pictures.

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7. Just a block from the Hood County Jail Museum, a tour stop at the Granbury Opera House reveals a local link to one of the worst crimes of 19th-century America. Originally built in 1886, the theater was renovated four years ago as the new home of the Granbury Theatre Company. Inside, twin curved staircases lead from the redesigned lobby to the balcony level, where there's one particularly notorious seat. The seat reportedly belongs to the ghost of John Wilkes Booth, the actor and Confederate sympathizer who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. According to local actors who work in the Granbury Opera House, the haunted seat sometimes folds down on its own accord.



Granbury Opera House, 133 E Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048, picture of the Opera House.



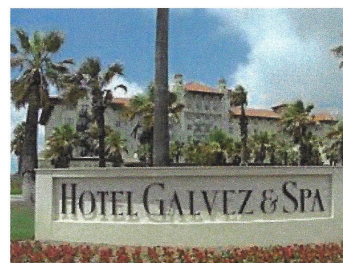
8. The Devil's Backbone Tavern, built on the site of an ancient Indian campground, is widely believed to be haunted. An entire Civil War battle is said to have occurred on the Devil's Backbone limestone ridge. "Oh, there are ghosts, I guaran-goddamn-tee you," said Robert Kelly, a tavern regular who said he sometimes sees shadowy figures on a steep nearby ridge called the Devil's Backbone, for which the tavern is named. Stretching from Wimberley to Blanco, the ruggedly scenic area known as Devil's Backbone resulted from an earthquake that

occurred in the region more than thirty million years ago. The powerful earthquake helped separate the land into two different regions, the Edward's Plateau to the west and the lower Gulf Coastal Plains to the east.

The Devils Backbone-The Most Haunted Stretch of Texas Highways, Farm Roads 12, 165, 2325, and 32, along with U.S. Highway 281. Picture of Devil's Backbone Tavern.

9. Every great hotel must have its ghost, and the Hotel Galvez has one who has been around at least a half century. According to Jan Johnson (a fifth-generation Galvestonian and the author of *Walking Historic Galveston*), the Galvez ghost could be a bride-to-be named Audra. Legend has it that was about twenty-five years old and stayed in Room 501. Then tragedy befell her.

Hotel Glavez & Spa, 2024 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX 77550.



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10. Near the south bank of the San Antonio River, a fortress stands out against the local backdrop of anaqua trees and warm blue skies. Through two revolutions, countless skirmishes, and untold hours of everyday life in times gone by, Presidio la Bahia has stood on this spot since 1749. Now serving as a museum, church, and occasional hotel, La Bahia holds centuries of history both on its grounds and beneath them, in forms

ranging from monuments in honor of its heroes to mass graves of the unknown departed. Although the cannons on its parapets have long been silent, many believe that the hundreds of souls to leave this plane on the grounds of La Bahia have left behind a goodly number of unquiet stragglers.

Presidio La Bahia, 217 US-183, Goliad, TX 77963, Picture of the building.

Other sites of Interest - Optional/Not Required



'Those of you that don't believe, I'm glad you're on this tour', Angela Morgan tells a crowd of about 150 ghost-seekers one Saturday night a couple of weekends before Halloween. 'Because as long as you're taking photos, at the very least you're going to leave here with orbs, apparitions, fogs, mists.

Baker Hotel, Mineral Wells. Picture of Baker Hotel

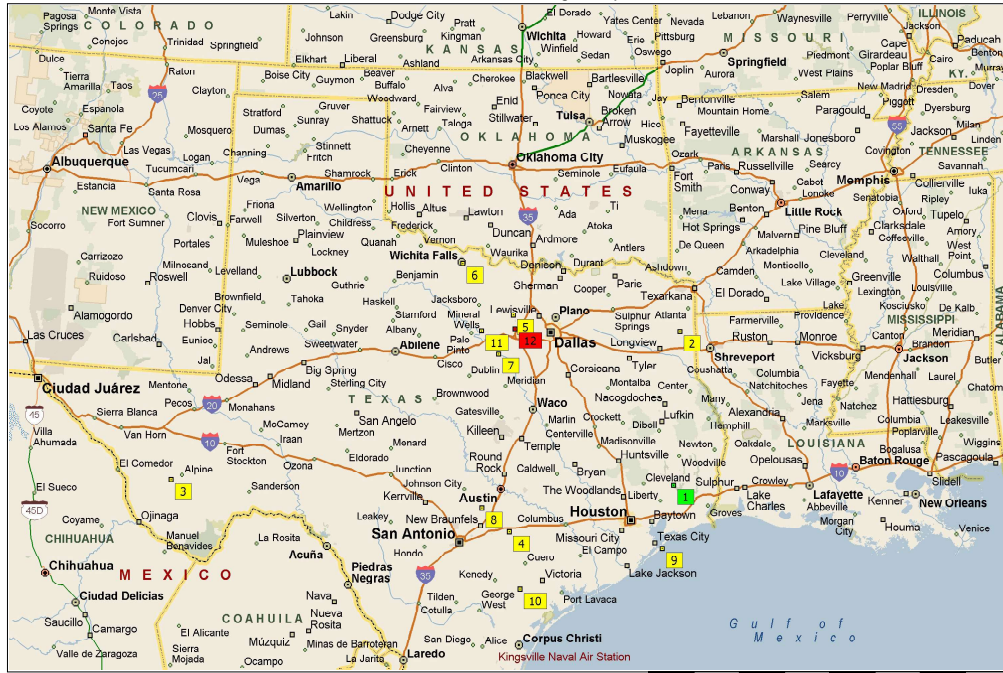
The Goat Man of the Lake. The Island Monster. What else would you name a 7-foot-plus tall being that could hurl car tires like they were mere child's play toys and appear sailing from the treetops to land with full force on the hood of passing cars? So goes the legend of the Lake Worth Monster.

Lake Worth Monster (aka Goat-Man) Picture of sign in Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge



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HOST:
Lone Star Miata Club 817 319 4563

**8TH ANNUAL SWEET DOUGH PIE
FESTIVAL, GRAND COTEAU,**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 8:00 AM
TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 6:00 PM**

Grand Coteau
LA

- 8th Annual Sweet Dough Pie Festival, Grand Coteau, LA
- Please join Mary and David Wharton on our 3rd running to Scott, LA, deep in Acadiana (Cajun) country. On Friday, 10/25/19, we will be driving east out of Jacksonville, TX through beautiful countrysides, along the back roads through East Texas and Louisiana. To accomodate our less direct route to LA, we decided it best to overnight in Jacksonville on Thursday night-hotel room block details below.
- Jacksonville is approx. 2 hours southeast of Dallas, so if you don't want the expense of Thursday night hotel, you can get up early Friday and meet us at the hotel for an 8am start. Also, if you can only come for the weekend, Scott, LA is only 6 hours away via I-20 / I-49 / I-10, to arrive Friday night.
- Thursday room block-Best Western Executive Inn, 1659 South Jackson Street, Tel: (903) 586-0007 Room rate-\$81.99 + tax, which includes breakfast. Please reference "Wharton-Lone Star Miata Club" when calling the front desk for your reservation.
- Friday/Saturday room block-Holiday Inn Express, 736 I-10 South Frontage Road, Scott, LA. Tel: (337) 232-6845. Room rate-\$92.00 + tax/night, which includes breakfast. Please reference "Lone Star Miata Club" when calling the front desk for your reservation.
- Saturday morning, we will drive up to Grand Coteau for the 8th Annual Sweet Dough Pie Festival, If you are still hungry after that, we highly recommend the Cajun Food Tour in the afternoon. It is a 3-hour bus tour at least 5 tasting stops, plus a guided tour with plenty of history, around the Lafayette area. Reservations can be made at cajunfoodtours.com.
- Led by Mary and David Wharton



HOST:
Lone Star Miata Club 214 517 512 2

FALL RUN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 FROM 9:30 AM
TO 4:00 PM

Buckees
2600 South Interstate 35
Denton, Tx

- Saturday Nov 2 we will meet at the Buckees in Denton at 2600 South Interstate 35 in Denton. Meet up in the area near the car wash. Please top off your fuel tank; not many places to do this along the way
- We will meet at 0930 for a departure at 10:00 am for a run into Oklahoma to view hopefully some fall foliage colors.
- We will make stops at the Tucker tower nature center. From there we will take a scenic drive and have a lunch break at a location to be determined.
- After that we will make a run to the Chickasaw Culture centre, a very interesting place with a lot of history to explore.
- Led by Joe and Gina Quisenberry



Greetings Miata Enthusiasts!

Thank you to everyone that was interested in and/or attended the Round-Up in Fredericksburg this last month. On behalf of the Bluebonnet Miata Club of San Antonio, Texas, we thank you!

To enjoy viewing or downloading pictures from the event, please go to the homepage on the Texas Miata Round Up website. You'll find a nice tribute to our sponsors, along with a video from the Tarmac drone video shoot. In the galleries, you can find pictures from all the activities. <https://texasmiataroundup.com/>

If you attended, we'd love it if you would take our quick survey: It was great! You should have... and, Don't bother next time: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P79WYTY>

Thank you!! We hope we get to see you at other Miata events around the country and if you're in our neck of the woods again, please reach out to us. We'd love to organize a meet up or have you join us on a run.

Cheryl Knight
Bluebonnet Miata Club President
210-273-2949



ONTO FALL RALLY

Saturday,
October 19, 2019



You are invited to Texas for ONTO Fall, an SCCA National GTA (games, tours and adventures) rally. This will be a course-following rally with the scoring questions designed to determine if you followed the correct course and/or applied the rules correctly. All “traps” are carefully looped so you do not get lost if you err. Our Rally Master, Liz Witt, adds: “I’m incapable of putting on a rally without the tricks reminiscent of the trap rallies I loved many years ago--Rustler's Run and Heart of Dixie and others I've long forgotten. So, there are plenty. And some nice roads. Would love to have you come. October in Texas is usually beautiful.”

The rally will start and end in McKinney, Texas on the northeast edge of the Dallas Metroplex and will traverse the paved backroads of Collin County.

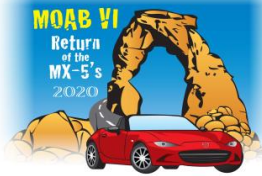
The challenge of a Road Rally is to follow a prescribed course at legal speeds and to read signs and landmarks along the route to find answers to questions supplied by the organizers. It is not a contest of speed or racing.

- Registration and Starting Place: Spring Creek Barbeque, 1993 N Central Expy, McKinney, TX 75070. It's on the NW corner of US75 and US 380.
- Registration: 8:00 am to 8:45 am on Rally Day
- Safety Briefing (everyone must attend): 9:05 am
- Cars leave the start: 9:30 am plus your car number
- Length: approx. 125 miles (~6 hours max before incurring penalty)
- Finish: Spring Creek Barbeque, 1993 N Central Expy, McKinney, TX 75070
- Rally type: GTA (fun run). A clipboard and pencil is all you need
- Route: paved roads in Collin County
- Vehicles: Sports Cars, Family Cars, Classic Cars, Antiques, anything with 4 wheels that's street legal is OK in this Rally. Note: speed is **not** a factor.
- At least two people (a driver and a navigator) are required in each car; contact rally@texasscca.org if you have a minor child (<18) in the car, as a form will need to be signed
- Four classes: First-timer, Novice (3 rally trophies or less), General, and Master (this is an optional class: no trophies).
- Rally Fee: \$30.00, SCCA Members: \$5.00 discount. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed to anyone not preregistered on MotorsportReg.com. If not preregistered, you must pay on registration day (cash).
- Rally Master: Liz Witt.



Registrants will be emailed a draft of the rules shortly after pre-registering. The final version of the rally rules will be emailed at least one week before the event. We encourage entrants to pre-register as early as possible. The Rally Committee reserves the right to limit entries. To pre-register, follow this link to MotorsportReg.com: <http://msreg.com/ofr19> or the QR code:

Miatas in Moab VI: April 30 – May 2, 2020 REGISTRATION FORM



Please print out and mail registration form and fee of \$140.00 per person to: **Make check to Utah Miata Club, c/o Jim or Margie Newson (Secretary/Treasurer) 233 West 1550 North, Bountiful, UT 84010. Phone: 801-295-4563 Email: sec.treasumc@icloud.com.** The registration fee will increase to \$150 per person on December 31, 2019. The event registration fee is fully refundable until February 29, 2020.

Event Hosted at: Red Cliff's Lodge, Mile 14, Hwy. 128, Moab, Utah 84532, phone 435-259-2002 Toll Free: 1-866-812-2002 www.redcliffslodge.com. Mention "Miatas in Moab, hosted by Utah Miata Club". Book your Hotel Room Now!

Fill form out completely: **Mail with check or money order to above address.**

Attendee Name: _____ T-Shirt size: _____

Guest's Name: _____ T-Shirt size: _____

Ladies have option of getting Men's style ___ or Ladies Style ___ shirt. Please check ("X") on which style .

Email(s): _____

Club(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____ (X) cell ___ home ___ work: _____

Miata Year: _____ Color: _____ Other Miatas? _____

Attended before?: Moab I: ___ Moab II: ___ Moab III: ___ Moab IV: ___ Moab V: ___ Bryce: ___ Deer Valley: ___

Where are you staying? _____

Remarks: _____

Thursday, April 30, Check-in & Evening Social/Dinner. Friday & Saturday May 1-2: Drives and activities with Photo Shoot and Car Show on Saturday afternoon. Dinner Banquet and Program Saturday evening, May 2nd. Note: Registration Fee includes participation in all activities and drives at the event. Fee includes Dinner Social Thursday, Event Dinner and Program (Saturday night, whether you eat or not) & includes dinner, taxes, and gratuity, Event Logo T-Shirt, Event Pin, Goodie Bag with Mazda and logo items, printed handouts, event schedule, prize give-away drawings, etc. All attendees must sign a general Liability Waiver at Check-In (Req. by Utah Club and MNAO). Details posted on Utah Miata Club Website: www.utahmiataclub.com. More details will be posted closer to event.

Buggies & Bridges III

Miatas Return to Amish Country

September 24-27, 2020

Sponsored by the PACE Miata Club

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 1, 2020

Please print out this form, complete and mail with payment

Registration fee includes welcome bag, arrival banquet dinner, PACE drives and closing breakfast. (There may be additional fees to some of the destination drives/events)

Note: We use CB radios. Will you be arriving on Wednesday, September 23, 2020: _____

Attendee #1: _____ Attendee #2: _____

(This is how your name will appear on your Name Tag.)

Shirt Size (Circle) S M L XL XXL 3XL Shirt Size (Circle) S M L XL XXL 3XL
MENS / WOMENS MENS / WOMENS

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MIATA CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

Miata Year: _____ Miata Color: _____

If you have already made your Hotel Reservation, please provide Hotel

Confirmation Number: _____

LIABILITY STATEMENT: By signing this registration form, you are hereby notified that the PACE Miata Club does not provide insurance for this event. You agree that you will not hold the club or any of its officers liable for any accident/injury to you or your passenger. You are further stating that your Miata is legally registered in your home state and carries the insurance required by that state.

Driver Signature: _____ Date: _____

Event Cost: \$189.00 USD per person

Make checks payable to: PACE MIATA CLUB

Mail to: PACE Miata Club
c/o Fred and Sue Stauffer
935 Kendale Road
Red Lion, PA 17356

More information at
<http://www.pacemiataclub.org/buggies-bridges-iii>



SURF 'N' SAFARI 2020 -- OCTOBER 8 - 11

The [San Diego Miata Club](#) welcomes Miata owners and enthusiasts from all over the world to the fourth Surf 'N' Safari regional event. This four-day event in beautiful east San Diego county promises food, fun, and prizes. Meet old and new friends, drive excellent Miata roads, and have fun in perfect convertible weather. Each of our previous Surf 'N' Safari events have hosted many participants representing over 25 Miata clubs from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia! Surf 'N' Safari 2020 is moving to a new host Golf Resort that will greatly enhance your enjoyment of our wonderful back county roads.

[About](#)

[Local Attractions](#)

Where



**Event and resort Reservations
information coming soon.**

3007 Dehesa Rd
El Cajon, CA 92019
[Resort Website](#)



San Diego Weather

The weather in October in east San Diego County is generally in the 70s during the day and mid-50s in the evening. We have experienced higher temperatures in mid-October and some showers.

Classifieds:



FOR SALE!

DON'T FORGET TO SEE OUR VICE PRESIDENT, RICHARD ROGERS, FOR CLUB LOGO ITEMS!

Items are excellent quality and only require a very reasonable donation.

Richard orders the magnets in batches. They are great to show off when we drive as a group. Magnets are \$15 for a set of 2. If you don't want to wait for the next batch, be sure to purchase them when he has them on hand. Bruce also has round magnets for sale.

Pins are still \$2 each or 10 for \$15. Great for trading with other groups!



Richard can also order coffee mugs and T-shirts with the club logo. The logo can be positioned anywhere on the shirt, in small or large size.

Mugs are available for about \$12, and shirts are available for around \$10-15. Contact Richard for details.



Embroidery

Embroidery is available at Panda Embroidery in Grapevine and at Embroidery Plus in Grapevine Mills mall. The club logo is on file at both stores, so you can take any item you would like to have embroidered.



LSMC Logo Stuff

Contact our Vice President, Richard Rogers at VP@lsmiata.org for LSMC Logo merchandise being offered through the club. You also can buy merchandise at Panda Embroidery, 351 East Huggins, Grapevine, TX 76051 (817-488-4151). Panda can embroider items in a thread color of your choice including one that matches your Miata!

Newsletter Submissions & Distribution

Ads, announcements, articles, trip reports and other contributions to the newsletter are **encouraged**. Email submissions to Newsletter@lsmiata.org. Attachments may be in .pdf, .txt, Word or WordPerfect format. Pictures may be in any of the usual formats such as .gif, .jpg, png, etc. If I have any problems with document or picture format, I will contact you. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, artwork, layout, etc. I'm just pleased to receive input and will take care of the editing and cosmetics! Also, if you find something interesting online, please send me the link. Input is welcome anytime, but must be received prior to the publishing deadline (usually the first of the month) to be in the next issue.

NOTE: If you want the newsletter sent to more than one email address, your secondary driver, or anyone else, please send your name (so I know you're a member) and the email address(es) to Newsletter@lsmiata.org.

ANOTHER NOTE: Member in Good Standing (you've paid your dues) may submit ad copy or info on their business. Does **not** have to be a Miata- or car-related business, but it must be **your** business. Others may advertise, too, for a fee. Contact the President@lsmiata.org for details.

Two-Way Radios

For more fun on drives, if you don't have a two-way radio, get one. Without one, you miss out on a lot of chat and decision making as to stops, etc. Most importantly, should you get separated from the group or have car trouble; it makes it much easier for us to find you and assist you! LSMC uses GMRS/FRS radios for better range and reception. An operating license is not required when used in the FRS range.

Stuff for Sale and Announcements

LSMC permits all members in good standing to place a free ad or event announcement in the LSMC Newsletter. The item should relate to the Miata or Club activities. This includes activities hosted by other clubs, Car-related events of general interest are also welcome. Contact the editor at Newsletter@lsmiata.org to place an ad or announcement.

Change of Address & Member Info

Be sure to keep your contact information and particularly your email address up-to-date; you don't want to miss anything! Submit your email address, snail mail address, new car info and any other contact information changes to the Membership Officer at Membership@lsmiata.org. A form also is available on our website. Just click 'Membership' and select the text 'update' to update your information.

Blogsite and Facebook

Check out our **blogsite** at lsmiata.org for various information. For up-to-the-minute events information, member input and other stuff, visit our **Facebook** page at [Lone Star Miata Group](https://www.facebook.com/LoneStarMiataGroup). You may also consult the newsletter, which is published more or less monthly.

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Time to renew your membership! Annual dues are \$30 for singles, \$39 for couples. After March 31, 2019, add \$5 late fee. If your dues have not been paid by the April meeting, your name and number will be dropped from the membership roll. Make checks payable to **Lone Star Miata Club**. Please **complete** this form, **even if no information has changed**, and return it along with your check to:

Doug Dodgen

Lone Star Miata Club

508 Chaffee Drive

Arlington TX 76006

Please provide the following information. To avoid errors, **please print legibly.**

PRIMARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date ____ / ____

SECONDARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date ____ / ____

ADDRESS: _____

(apt #, number, street) _____

(city) (ST) (zip)

Landline: (____) _____ Driver Cell: (____) _____

Driver email:

Copilot email:

Club notices and correspondence will be sent to all email addresses listed.

(Please advise if you have not been receiving the Newsletter and/or emails.)

YOUR MIATA'S NAME (if it has one): _____

COLOR: _____ YEAR: _____

ADDITIONAL MIATAS: _____

(Color) (Year) (Name)

Please list additional cars and any additional information on the back of this form.

THANK YOU! ~ Your Membership Officer

----- **below for club use only** -----

DATE	AMOUNT	CHECK	CHK. TO	D-BASE
RENEWED	PAID	NUMBER	TREAS.	UPDATED

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB

NEW MEMBER FORM

Please provide the following information. To avoid errors, *please print legibly.*

PRIMARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date ____ / ____

SECONDARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date ____ / ____

ADDRESS: _____
(apt #, number, street)

(city) (ST) (zip)

HOME: (____) _____ WORK: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS #1: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS #2: _____

Club notices and correspondence will be sent to all email addresses listed.

YOUR MIATA'S NAME (if it has one): _____

COLOR: _____ YEAR: _____

ADDITIONAL MIATAS: _____

(Color) (Year) (Name)

Please list additional cars and any other information on the back of this form.

Did a member of this club tell you about our club and if so, who? _____

Annual membership fee is \$39 per year for couples, \$30 for singles . If you want to purchase a club nametag, add \$10 per nametag (price is higher if purchased later). Dues for members joining after June 30th are prorated. Please make checks payable to: Lone Star Miata Club

Return this form and your check to:

Doug Dodgen
Lone Star Miata Club
508 Chaffee Drive
Arlington TX 76006

For more information, please contact:
Doug Dodgen
Membership Chairman
817-475-7004
Membership@lsmiata.org

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